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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2009

You alone, O Lord,
Bring security to my dwelling.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$7,301.65.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Joseph, Sr. & Doris Green,
Christine, Joseph, Jr., & Kenneth
By: The Green Family**

**Altar Flowers for May 2-3 In Memory of Peter & Velma Smith
By: The Family**

PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Perhaps you have seen the new canopy over the Handicap Entrance of our church (on the north side)? Carpentry work still needs to be done to help the canopy blend in more with our beautiful church. This will be completed soon.

A grateful "Thank You!" to those who have made a special contribution for the project. To date \$2,535 has been given. Again I appeal to all who would like to make a special contribution for this improvement. Please designate your offering for the "improvement projects".

The associated project is to enlarge the parking area on the north side of our church. You can see where we have begun to fill in low places. There is considerable fill that remains to be done. And then we will grade and gravel the area.

Those two projects are expected to cost around \$25,000. So we are still in need. If you are able to help, now is the time to do so.

In May (after our First Communion Sundays) we will schedule some special "Second Collections" for these projects; if funds are still needed.

Thank you for your generosity.

This Sunday, April 26 & Sunday, May 3rd, the 10:30 AM Mass will be celebrated in St. Charles Chapel.

Parking around Melancon Funeral Home for these Masses is permitted and suggested.

First Communion Masses will be in the Church at 11:00 on these two Sundays.

Family Fun Day: Thensted Center's Annual Fair is Sunday, May 3rd; 8:30-5:00. Barbeque pork and chicken dinners are \$6.00. Bingo begins at 11 AM. Come out for plants, sweets, trash & treasures, children's games and health fair. We are greatly in need of monetary donations and bingo prizes. For further information call the Center at 662-5838 or come by to purchase your dinner tickets.

Volunteers are asked to please park behind the Gymnasium.

Annual Mother's Day of Reflection is being sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministry. This year's retreat will be held on **Wednesday, May 6th, 8:30am to 2:00pm**, Fusilier Auditorium, Immaculata Center Building, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. Reverend Hampton Davis will be the presenter. He will also celebrate a special Mother's Day liturgy at noon. Lunch will be served following Mass. Pre-registration is required by noon on April 24, 2009. Due to limited space, registrations WILL NOT be accepted at the door the morning of the retreat. The registration fee is \$35, includes lunch. For more information and to register, please call 261-5653.

Activities of the Week April 27-May 1

M 27	4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T 28	6:00 PM Chimes Choir Practice
W 29	9:30 PM Pro Life Rosary in the Church
TH 30	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
	7:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
FR 1	

Minister Schedule-May 2-3

Vigil -Lector Kalina & Darryl Cormier
Communion Caro & Shirleen Louviere,
Pat Sonnier, Jo Burleigh, Janice Fox
Altar Server Nicholas Smith, Morgan & Emily Boone

7:30-Lector Julia Quebedeaux & Cierra Meche
Communion Pemella Williams, Ruby Gardiner,
Perry & Brenda Kennerson, Joe Landry
Altar Server Taneshia Cormier, Carlie Pierre,
James Charles

10:30-Lector Mary Claire Trant & Deborah Alpough
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Tim Trant,
Frank & Avis Domingue, Natasha
Williams
Altar Servers Meghan & Emma Bush, Hunter Myers

Church Cleaners for May 2-3

Anna Lee Boss Gloria DeValcourt
Larry & Jean Janice
Velma Boss Kandy Boss Agnes Lewis

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for
First Friday is **Thursday, April 30th** at **7:00 PM**
ending with Benediction at 8:00 PM.

Pro Life Rosary will be prayed on Wednesday,
April 29th at 9:30 in the Main Church. All are
welcome to join us in prayer.

Join the Diocese of Lafayette for a **Mass for the
Elderly** on **May 3, 2009** at **2:00 PM**. The Diocese
requests that families bring their elder loved ones to
this celebration in honor of senior citizens. The Mass
will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Jarrell in
Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Ave., Lafayette.
For more information, please call 261-5545.

Engaged Couples: Spend a weekend away
from the cares and distractions of everyday
living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter
Weekend in preparation for your marriage.
Upcoming weekend date is May 29-31.
For other dates and to learn more visit our
website at www.ceelafayette.org or call Tom
& Geraldine Rizzuto at 337-984-7954.

Theology of the Body for Teens: June 3, 4, 7, 8, 9
& 10th from 6PM-8PM at St. Mary's Catholic
Church in Lafayette. Registration Deadline is
Friday, May 8th. Due to the sensitive nature of the
material being covered, this is only open to ages
15-21. Program is open to ALL church parishes.
For more information, call Cindy Guidry at 981-3379,
Art Garrett 235-7839 or visit the website at
www.tobforteens.com.



BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the
Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament--
the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it
means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who
fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weak-
ness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and
peace that are available to those who put their faith in
"Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the
Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent,
therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be
wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John
calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John
2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples
with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance,
for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47).

**The Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau,
Louisiana is pleased to offer in 2009...**

Individually directed retreats: May 4-13; May
18-27; June 1-10; June 15-24.

Men's Matter: A Man's Way to God: Friday,
May 1st-Sunday, May 3rd. Presenter: Fr. Jim Clarke.

In this retreat, the presenter will use stories, analogies,
and rituals to outline a healthy male spirituality and offer
some insights into becoming wholesome men in Christ.

**"We Are Called and Blessed: Gay and Lesbian
Catholics Telling Their Story"** - Friday, May 15-
Sunday May 17. Presenter: Fr. Jim Schexnayder. God
calls us to experience the blessedness of who we are.

Freedom of Spirit and the 12-Step Journey— Thursday,
June 11-Sunday, June 14. Presenter: Sandra Spencer.
Areas of resentment, anger, grief, and forgiveness in
light of the 12 Steps will be addressed.

For an application form, visit
<jesuitspiritualitycenter.org> or call 662-5252.

Angel Food Ministries: Great food menus
available. Senior Box, Regular Box, and Specials
available. Contact Thensted Center at 662-5838 for
more information and to place order. You will find
the menu on the table at the entrance of the Church
or online at angelfoodministries.com.

THE RIGHT DIRECTION

*If we walk one step toward God, God
will run ten steps toward us.*